Payment of less salary to the teachers and staff of some Private Aided schools in Delhi

2449. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of State in the Department of Education has recently received a representation to the effect that the Delhi Administration is paying only 95 per cent of the salary to the teachers and staff of about 20 private aided schools in Delhi who are being deprived of the balance of 5 per cent of salary for a number of years;

(b) if so, what other points have been raised in the representation; and

(c) what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Plea has been put forth for direct disbursement of 100 per cent salary to the staff of aided schools.

(c) It has been reported by Delhi Administration that under the provisions of Delhi School Education Rules, 1973, Delhi Administration has been paying 95 per cent grant to aided schools, the remaining 5 per cent is the responsibility of the concerned management. In some cases the managements are not cooperating to pay their share of 5 per cent of the salary and have become liable for action under the provisions of Delhi School Education Rules, 1973.

Percentage of literacy amongst SC/ST boys and girls in different States

2450. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey regarding the percentage of literacy amongst SC and ST boys and girls in different States; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) when the survey was made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) and (b) Information on literacy rates in the country is collected only through the census conducted once in ten years by the Registrar General of India. According to 1981 Census, percentage of literacy in respect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for all age groups is 21.38 and 16.35 respectively. Age group-wise literacy rates for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not available.

Dual charge to the principals of medical colleges

2451. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI:

SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not permitting the Principals of the Medical Colleges of Pondicherry and Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi to hold the charge of Head of the Department of Pathology/Microbiology and other subjects as well while the Principal of Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi has been permitted to hold the dual charge of the Principal and Head of the Medicine Department;

(b) whether Government have received complaints from Members of Parliament about the incompetence, inefficiency, mal-administration and doubtful integrity of the Principal of the Lady Hardinge Medical College; Delhi: and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the Matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No requests were received from the Principals of the Medical Colleges of Pondicherry and Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, to hold the charge of Head of the Department of Pathology/ Microbiology and other subjects.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The issues raised in the complaints were looked into and it was found that the charges levelled could not be substantiated.

Purchase of Westland helicopters for ONGC

2452. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to purchase Westland WG-30 helicopters for the use of O.N.G.C. and OIL;

(b) if so, how many helicopters are proposed to be purchased;

(c) whether the offshore platforms in Bombay High where these helicopters are to be used need strengthening to accommodate the heavy weight of these helicopters;

(d) whether the purchase of the helicopters will be economical or hiring them will be economical; and

(e) whether it is a fact that most of the national and private oil companies in the world hire helicopters for off-shore operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to purchase 21 Westland helicopters to cater to the requirements of the Petroleum Sector and for scheduled/non-scheduled services be provided by the Helicopter Corporation of India.

(c) Westland Helicopters to be acquired by the Helicopter Corporation of India are capable of landing/taking off from all types of helipads in off-shore installations with requisite complement of crew and carriage of necessary equipmen

(d) The purchase of helicopters will be economical since out of the total package cost of £ 70 millions, the U.K. Government is providing aid amounting to £ 65 million. The Helicopter Corporation of India is expected to offer services at internationally competitive rates.

(e)Many oil companies do meet their requirements of off-shore operations by charter-hire of helicopters.

Introduction of selection grade in the National Gallery of Modern Art

2453. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi has not implemented the guidelines regarding introduction of 20 percent selection grade posts for Group 'D' staff;

(d) if so, the names of Group 'D' employees who have not given any promotion even after completing 25 years of service; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure for introduction of selection grade posts therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Second Hooghly Bridge

@2453-A. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal has written to him on the works of the Second Hooghly Bridge recenly;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the Government's response thereto?

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